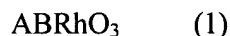

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst comprising a composite oxide having a perovskite structure represented by the general formula (1):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from the group consisting of La, Nd, and Y ~~rare earth elements each having a valence of 3 as the only valence and arbitrarily including Ce and/or Pr~~; and B represents ~~Al and/or~~ at least one element selected from ~~transition elements excluding Co, Rh and the rare earth elements~~ the group consisting of Fe, Mn, and Al.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

5. (Original) The exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 1, wherein Pt is further supported.

6. (Canceled).